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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military Information from Halle ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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EVALUATION see below

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

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DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE PREPARED 17 May 1951

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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REMARKS

SOURCE

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1. Between 16 and 27 March 1951, the Heeresnachrichten Schule in Halle-Mietleben quartered troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets, red-bordered black epaulets, and black-bordered crimson epaulets, some with artillery and some with tank insignia. The personnel wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were seen mainly at the administration building. A permanent telephone line was being strung from the installation to the heath. The soldiers constructing the line seemed to belong to a new unit, with which motor vehicles [REDACTED] were observed. On 27 March, 60 tanks, some of them without turrets, were seen moving from Halle toward the Heeresnachrichten Schule.

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2. The Luftnachrichten Schule was occupied by about 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. Vehicles seen at the installation were [REDACTED]

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3. On 16 and 17 March, the Luftnachrichten Schule, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, and the installation at Mietleben quartered a total of about 4,000 troops. The troops in the Luftnachrichten Schule wore only red-bordered black epaulets. Those in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and signal insignia, and some without branch-of-service insignia. The troops in the installation at Mietleben wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets in about equal numbers. Source believed that some of the units had already left for field training, [REDACTED] scarcely any training activity. Only two units of about company strength were seen on the target range at the Brandberge (hills). [REDACTED] left the installation. The following motor vehicles, driven and occupied by personnel with red-bordered black epaulets, [REDACTED]

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4. On 31 March and 1 April, unusually heavy traffic, particularly of officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets mostly with artillery insignia, was observed in the Luftnachrichten Schule and the Fliegerhorst Kaserne. The troops in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne exceeded 3,000. They wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. Because field training was observed in the restricted area of the Brandberge and troops were engaged in target practice and maintenance service on 31 March, source was of the opinion that the troops had not yet left for summer training. Motor vehicles identified at the billeting area

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5. Major Zomolovski, (fnu), was identified as the chief of motor transport section of the SCC for Land Saxony-Anhalt, on 17 March. His office was located on Thomas Muenzer Platz, Halle.

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- * ~~Comment.~~ The report indicates no change in the disposition of troops in Halle. ~~The belief of the source of paragraph 3 that the troops left for field training as early as the middle of March 1951 has not been substantiated by any other source. For the first time on 14 April 1951, it was reported that an advance party left Halle, probably going to the Kindel troop training grounds.~~

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